

REMARKS

The Examiner required restriction to one of the following:

Claims 1 – 29 are presented for examination.

Election/Restriction

I. **Claims 1 – 9**, drawn to an automated system for facilitating and monitoring the design of an end product, the system incorporating design tools, a project planning tool, and an enterprise resource planning tool, the monitoring results in the updating of a schedule based on the current status of the project, classified in class 705, subclass 8.

II. **Claims 10 – 27**, drawn to an automated system for monitoring the status of a distributed team, hierarchically-structured product design project, by monitoring events and triggering activity based on rules and event conditions, and creating a schedule based on the events monitored, classified in class 705, subclass 8.

III. **Claims 28 – 29**, drawn to an automated method of monitoring cost and completion status of an ongoing electronic design project and updating a schedule based on the comparison of actual to estimated cost to monitoring, classified in class 705, subclass 8.

Applicant provisionally elects **Group I** with traverse. If the Examiner determines that Applicant has presumed incorrectly as to which claims the Examiner intended to include in **Group I**, clarification is respectfully requested.

Applicant traverses the propriety of the restriction requirement by this election, as all of the claims pertain to the same species of the claimed invention.

If the Examiner believes that a conference would be of value in expediting the prosecution of this application, he is cordially invited to telephone the undersigned counsel at (650) 838-4383 to arrange for such a conference. No fees are believed to be due, however, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any underpayment in fees to Deposit Account No. 50-2207.

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